



Governor's Mental Health Task Force Minutes

July 18, 2013
10:00-4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Task Force Members: Dr. Steven Davies, Captain Bill Cochran, Amanda Adkins, Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Dr. Rick Goscha, Catherine Ramshaw, Les Sperling, Mark Potter, Becky Gray, David Redmond, Dr. Michael Leeson, and Father Richard Daise.

Phone Attendance: Dr. Richard Gaskill

Agency Liaisons: Sally Frey (KDOC), George Williams (DCF), and Dr. Wes Jones (Kansas National Guard); Bill Rein (KDADS); Dr. Robert Moser (KDHE); Tiffany Smith (KDHE).

Advisory Committee/Support Staff: Angela Hagen (KDADS), Angela de Rocha (KDADS), Gina Meier Hummel, Sarah Fischer (KDADS), Lea Stueve (KDADS) and Wes Cole (GBHSPC).

Chairs Countryman-Roswurm and Rick Goscha called the meeting to order. Introductions of the task force members, agency liaisons, and advisory/support staff were made. The minutes from the previous conference call meeting were examined and it was noted that Pastor David Redmond's name needed to be corrected from the previous minutes. Dr. Davies moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Dr. Leeson seconded it. The minutes were approved. Lea Stueve addressed the group and gave some "housekeeping-type" announcements.

Angela Hagen addressed the task force and gave a presentation over "Why you are here". She spoke about the prevalence of mental illness and substance abuse disorder and shared some statistics over suicide. Her presentation discussed the implications of these issues.

The vision, mission, and goals of the task force were discussed and Dr. Davies made a motion to approve revising the mission statement to include terminology for "Behavioral Health".

Bill Rein, Chief Counsel for KDADS, gave an overview of Mental Health Reform in the State of Kansas. He shared his personal and professional experience with the task force. Highlights of his presentation included: mental health reform in Kansas was started by families; Governor Hayden appointed a task force to identify what could be done to structurally improve mental health treatment and this led to making the mental health centers the front door of the system; and the screening process is complex because it includes the criteria for determination and the qualifications of the screener among other things.

Work Session Questions/Observations:

- The group requested data regarding the number of voluntary and involuntary mental health commitments
- How do the 5 regional recovery centers interact with this taskforce?
- Availability versus Accessibility may need to be examined closer
 - What factors affect accessing services?

- The group requested data that would demonstrate how many people come from foster care in the current mental health system?

Mike Hammond, Executive Director of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, gave an overview of the community mental health system. Highlights of his presentation included an overview of current infrastructure, current funding and funding needs, and challenges facing the system.

Work Session Questions/Observations:

- How are we going to address cross-agency collaborations?
- Are there certain people we need to hear from in subsequent meetings?
- Consistent structured conversation with Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) regions
 - How is integration occurring across resources
 - What are the results—are you leveraging in Evidence Based Strategies (EBS)?
 - Comment on state agency relationships—what are they getting or not getting?
- If something isn't working—why are we paying for it?—stay focused on outcomes
- What changes are projected with Affordable Care Act—projected uninsured or underinsured in our state—can KDADS provide us with that data?

Wes Cole, Chairman of the Governor's Behavioral Health Planning Council, gave a presentation over the Council and its mission. He discussed the gaps he has seen in the system and the research and the past and current efforts being implemented by the Council.

Work Session Questions/Observations:

- Can the Task Force get more updates about the status of each sub-committee's recommendation?
- Can we ask the subcommittees 'what one thing would make the biggest difference?
- How do we get information /data for KS from across different state agency data systems—need specific questions, may take time)?

Angela Hagen, Director of Behavioral Health, gave a presentation over the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. She gave an update on the Agency's key projects including the regional recovery service center models and KanCare and she outlined how KDADS is working to address the issue of homelessness, consumer advocacy efforts, and how it supports families and professionals working with children with Severe Emotional Disorder (SED). Gina Meir Hummel, Commissioner, also gave a status update over Rainbow Mental Health and the current exploration of service expansion.

Work Session Questions/Observations:

- Members requested data re: SED Waiver
- EBS practices in CMHC per population than most other states—however not every service is available in every center—equivalency
- Part of the scope of the regional recovery centers is to increase where EBS are provided
- What are the collaborations between agencies—how do those things work and how can they be made more efficient
- Make sure to include in agency presentations what each agency is doing so task force can consider possible collaborations
- Could we have sub-committee co-chairs present to the task force in order to provide more specific details?
- It is important to hear from the unheard voices.

Wrap Up:

The task force briefly discussed future needs and meeting suggestions and adjourned at 4:00 p.m.